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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE FOR RENE ALEXANDER "ALEX"
ACOSTA

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1. Embassy Ljubljana welcomes the visit of and grants Country Clearance to U.S. Speaker Mr. Rene Alexander "Alex" Acosta, to travel to Ljubljana, Slovenia on May 07-10, 2005, to discuss trafficking issues, in support of post's objective to reduce trafficking in humans.

2. The Control Officer for your visit is Colleen Hyland, Office phone: 386-1-200-5708, fax: 386-1-200-5555, Cell phone: 386-70-323-664.

3. A reservation has been made for you at the Grand Hotel Union, tel: 386-1-308-1270; FAX: 386-1-308-1015. The cost of a single room is EUR 90. Please inform Post of any changes in order to avoid a no-show bill.

4. As the Embassy has a very limited motor pool, please take a taxi to the hotel. A taxi should cost approximately SIT 6000 (about \$32 US). Shuttle bus service (8-passanger) is available to and from the airport and Ljubljana at a cost of 2,000 Slovene Tolars, or about 12 dollars (with additional discounts for two or more passengers traveling together). One-day advance notice is necessary to schedule the shuttle. If you wish to take the shuttle bus from the airport upon arrival, please contact your control officer in advance. There are two change machines as you come out of the customs area: the one on your left will accept US dollars and the one on your right will accept credit cards. During normal working hours you can use the bank inside the regular departure area, near the rental car counters.

5. The overall security threat level for U.S. personnel and interests in Ljubljana, Slovenia is considered to be low. Slovenia has a low crime rate and violent crime is extremely rare. Nonetheless, visitors should take normal security precautions and are requested to report any suspected surveillance of themselves or U.S. facilities to the Mission Security Office. Visitors should avoid carrying large amounts of cash and jewelry on their person and are urged to use safe deposit boxes available in hotel. While very uncommon, there have been some incidents of purse snatching or pickpockets, usually at night outside of bars. The threat from intelligence services remains viable, and official visitors should take appropriate measures to protect classified or sensitive conversations and documents. Conversations on non-secure lines and cell phones should be considered subject to compromise.

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